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Postal Regulatory Commission 901 New York Avenue NW Suite 200 Washington, DC 20268 POST.' L REGULATORY COMMISSION COMMISSION

Docket RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates with hikes that could increase by 28-40 percent over the next five years.

We rely on mail for 50 percent of our fundraising. A cost increase of that significance will directly affect our ability to raise monies to support our programs.

Since our founding in 1979, Feed the Children remains one of the leading charities in the U.S. dedicated to ending childhood hunger both at home and abroad. Though we focus most urgently on feeding hungry children, the scope of our work has expanded to helping their families and communities achieve more stable lives to reduce the need for hunger relief tomorrow.

In the United States, Feed the Children distributed more than 68.6 million pounds of food and essential items to children and families who needed them. Our total outreach benefited 4.7 million people in the communities where they live – including areas struck by natural disasters last year such as hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and wildfires where we distributed millions of pounds of food and supplies. Internationally, our work reached a total of 1.6 million people throughout the 10 countries where we are active.

We want to help more children – and not have to limit our impact due to a huge change in postage costs.

Please maintain the predictable CPI-capped rates. Help us overcome childhood hunger.

Sincerely yours,

**Becky Graninger** 

Chief Development & Marketing Officer